

bill, and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. The rule waives all points of order against all amendments to the bill for failure to comply with clause 2(e) of rule XXI (prohibiting non-emergency designated amendments to be offered to an appropriations bill containing an emergency designation). Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Rogers, Tiahrt, Deal of Georgia, Quinn, Bass, Serrano, Pallone, Lewis of Georgia, Roemer and Kucinich.

PLANT GENOME SCIENCE

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Basic Research held a hearing on Plant Genome Science: From the Lab to the Field to the Market. Testimony was heard from Mary E. Clutter, Assistant Director, Biological Sciences, NSF; Eileen Kennedy, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics, USDA; and public witnesses.

PILOT FATIGUE

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on Pilot Fatigue. Testimony was heard from Margaret Gilligan, Deputy Associate Administrator, Regulation and Certification, FAA, Department of Transportation; Vernon S. Ellingstad, Director, Office of Research and Engineering, National Transportation Safety Board; Michael B. Mann, Deputy Associate Administrator, Aero-Space Technology, NASA; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, Hazardous Materials and Pipeline Transportation approved for full Committee action the following: 1 lease resolution; 1 repair and alteration resolution; and H. Con. Res. 167, authorizing the Architect of the Capitol to permit temporary construction and other work on the Capitol Grounds that may be necessary for construction of a building on Constitution Avenue Northwest, between 2nd Street Northwest and Louisiana Avenue Northwest.

Joint Meetings

BUDGET RECONCILIATION ACT

Conferees on Monday, August 2, met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 2488, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce individual income tax rates, to provide marriage penalty relief, to reduce taxes on savings and investments, to provide estate and gift tax relief, to provide incentives for education savings and health care, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

NEW PRIVATE LAWS

S. 361, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer to John R. and Margaret J. Lowe of Big Horn County, Wyoming, certain land so as to correct an error in the patent issued to their predecessors in interest. Signed August 2, 1999. (P.L. 106-1)

S. 449, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer to the personal representative of the estate of Fred Steffens of Big Horn County, Wyoming, certain land comprising the Steffens family property. Signed August 2, 1999. (P.L. 106-2)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4, 1999

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to continue hearings on farm crisis issues, 9 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine fraud against seniors, 2:15 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation, to hold oversight hearings to review the performance management process under the requirements of the Government Performance and Results Act, by the National Park Service, 2:15 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: business meeting to resume markup of S. 1090, to reauthorize and amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Liability, and Compensation Act of 1980, 9 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings on S. 693, to assist in the enhancement of the security of Taiwan, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion, to hold hearings on economic reform and trade opportunities in Vietnam, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings on overlap and duplication in the Federal Food Safety System, 10:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold hearings on S. 299, to elevate the position of Director of the Indian Health Service within the Department of Health and Human Services to Assistant Secretary for Indian Health; and S. 406, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to make permanent the demonstration program that allows for direct billing of medicare, medicaid, and other third party payors, and to expand the eligibility under such program to other tribes and tribal organizations; followed by a business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10:30 a.m., SR-485.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings on pending intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings on the nomination of David W. Ogden, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General; and the nomination of Robert Raben, of Florida, to be an Assistant Attorney General, 8:30 a.m., SD-628.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on S. 1172, to provide a patent term restoration review procedure for certain drug products, focusing on proposed remedies for relief, relating to pipeline drugs, 10 a.m., SD-628.

Subcommittee on Immigration, to hold hearings on annual refugee consultation, 2 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on Rules and Administration, to hold hearings on certain proposed committee resolutions requesting funds for operating expenses, 9:15 a.m., SR-301.

House

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials, hearing on legislation to Improve the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, focusing on several brownfields-related provisions contained in the following bills: H.R. 1300, Recycle America's Land Act of 1999; H.R. 1750, Community Revitalization and Brownfield Cleanup Act of 1999; and H.R. 2580, Land Recycling Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health and the Environment, hearing on Medicare+Choice: An Evaluation of the Program, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Civil Service, hearing on reauthorization of the Office of Government Ethics, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy, and Human Resources, hearing on What is HUD's Role in Litigation Against Gun Manufacturers? 10 a.m., 2203 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Postal Service, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2319, to make the American Battle Monuments Commission and the World War II Memorial Advisory Board eligible to use nonprofit standard mail rates of postage; H.R. 642, to redesignate the Federal building located at 701 South Santa Fe Avenue in Compton, California, and known as the Compton Main Post Office, as the "Mervyn Malcolm Dymally Post Office Building"; H.R. 643, to redesignate the Federal building located at 10301 South Compton Avenue, in Los Angeles, California, and known as the Watts Finance Office, as the "Augustus F. Hawkins Post Office Building"; H.R. 1666, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service at 200 East Pinckney Street in Madison, Florida, as the "Captain Colin P. Kelly, Jr. Post Office"; H.R. 2307, to designate the building of the United States Postal Service located at 5 Cedar Street in Hoskinton, Massachusetts, as the "Thomas J. Brown Postal Office Building"; and H.R. 2357, to designate the United States Post Office located at 3675 Warrensville Center Road in Shaker Heights, Ohio, as the "Louise Stokes Post Office"; followed by a hearing on Deceptive Sweepstakes Mailings, 1 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, hearing on The Balkans: What Are U.S. Interests and the Goals of U.S. Engagement? 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights, to mark up H.R. 1356, Freedom From Sexual Trafficking Act of 1999, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, oversight hearing on Hate Crimes Violence, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Constitution, to mark up H.R. 2436, Unborn Victims of Violence Act of 1999, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims, to consider a subpoena duces tecum directed to the Department of

Justice regarding criminal aliens released by the Immigration and Naturalization who commit additional crimes in the United States after they are released, 2 p.m., 2226 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, to consider the following: S. 416, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey to the city of Sisters, Oregon, a certain parcel of land for use in connection with a sewage treatment facility; H.R. 795, Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy's Reservation Indian Reserved Water Rights Settlement Act of 1999; H.R. 970, Perkins County Rural Water System Act of 1999; H.R. 1231, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain National Forest lands to Elko County, Nevada, for continued use as a cemetery; H.R. 1444, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to develop and implement projects for fish screens, fish passage devices, and other similar measures to mitigate adverse impacts associated with irrigation system water diversions by local governmental entities in the States of Oregon, Washington, Montana, and Idaho; H.R. 1619, Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor Reauthorization Act of 1999; and H.R. 2435, to expand the boundaries of the Gettysburg National Military Park to include the Wills House; and a motion to adopt a resolution and report recommending that David Plouffe, the Executive Director of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee be held in contempt of Congress for failure to comply with the subpoena served on him on July 13, 1999, and reporting the matter to the full House for appropriate action, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, to consider the following: a measure making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000; and the conference report to accompany H.R. 2488, Financial Freedom Act of 1999, 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, hearing on K-12 Math and Science Education-Testing and Licensing Teachers, 1 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Technology and the Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology of the Committee on Government Reform, joint hearing on Computer Security Impact of Y2K: Expanding Risks of Fraud, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, hearing to investigate the effects of federal procurement policy on small business competitiveness, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Ground Transportation, to mark up the following: the Motor Carrier Safety Act of 1999; and the Rail Passenger Disaster Family Assistance Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Emergency Management, hearing on Effectiveness of Disaster Mitigation Spending, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, briefing on Khobar Towers Update, 12 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Joint Meetings

Conference: meeting of conferees on S. 507, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, 11 a.m., SC-5, Capitol.